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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-42. (canceled)

43.(new) A method for forming a closure and security device (22) comprising a screw stopper (10A) and a security capsule (16A) and applying it to containers provided with an externally threaded circular mouth, the method comprising the following steps:

connecting to a metal stopper, destined to become a screw stopper once applied to the container (20), a capsule-forming foil (12) in such a manner as to provide the stopper (10) with a skirt (16) projecting by a determined portion from the free edge of the stopper (10), to obtain a stopper- skirt combination (18; 18A; 18B);

applying the stopper-skirt combination (18; 18A; 18B) to the mouth of the relative container (20);

making the skirt (16) rigid with the container (20) by known capsule techniques, depending on the type of foil used, to obtain a stopper-capsule (22);

characterized in that, before making the skirt (16) rigid with the container (20), the stopper (10) is rolled to form on its lateral wall a thread matching the external thread on the mouth of the container(20).

44.(new) A method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the foil used to form the skirt is in the form of substantially trapezoidal foil pieces (12).

45.(new) A method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the foil used to form the skirt (16) is in the form of tubular elements.

46.(new) A method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the foil used to form the skirt (16) is metallic.

47.(new) A method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the foil used to form the skirt (16) is of a heat-shrinkable plastic material.

48.(new) A method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the skirt (16) and stopper (10) are made mutually rigid by gluing.

49.(new) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the skirt (16) and stopper (10) are made mutually rigid by heat-shrinkage and/or gluing.

50.(new) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the step consisting of making the skirt (16) rigid with the container (20) comprises heating the skirt (16) to cause it to heat-shrink.

51.(new) A method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the step consisting of making the skirt rigid with the container comprises rolling.

52.(new) A method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the foil (12) is of aluminium or tin.

53.(new) A method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the foil (12) is a poly laminate.

54.(new) A method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the foil (12) used presents means (24) which, with the closure and security device (22) applied to the container (20), enable the relative

capsule (16A) to be torn as a result of or prior to the unscrewing of the screw stopper (10A).

55.(new) A method as claimed in claim 54, wherein the means which enable the capsule (16A) to be torn consist of using a foil (12) of a thickness which enables the capsule (16A) to tear when the screw stopper (10A) is unscrewed.

56.(new) A method as claimed in claim 54, wherein the means which enable the capsule (16A) to be torn consist of using a foil (12) presenting one or more weakening lines or zones (24), in correspondence with which tearing of the capsule (16A) takes place when the stopper (10A) is unscrewed.